

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 14, 2011  
10:00 a.m.**

<b><u>Call to Order</u></b>	Charles Myers, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:05 a.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at the Library of Michigan.
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<p><b><u>Members Present:</u></b> Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr.), Kathy Irwin, Elaine Logan, Charles Myers, Carolyn Nash, Nancy Robertson, Mike Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Carol Wolenberg</p> <p><b><u>Members Absent:</u></b> B. Denise Bartlett, Representative Shanelle Jackson, Representative Jim Stamas</p> <p><b><u>Staff Present:</u></b> Mike Flanagan, Sheryl Mase, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Don Todaro</p> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b> Gretchen Couraud, Randy Dykhuis, Jim Seidl, Carolyn Sparks</p>
<b><u>Agenda</u></b>	CAROL WOLENBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
<b><u>Minutes of April 5, 2011 Meeting</u></b>	THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2011 MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UPON MOTION BY FRANCIS "BUS" SPANIOLA.
<b><u>Board Reports</u></b>	
<b>Board Chair</b>	Chuck presented the Board Chair report.
<b>Board Members' Reports</b>	Mike Flanagan, Carol Wolenberg and Elaine Logan reported. Carolyn Nash presented a written report.
<b>Legislator Updates</b>	There were no legislator updates. No Senate appointments have been made yet, but Nancy is working with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) legislative liaison to raise awareness that two vacancies exist.
<b><u>Partnership Reports</u></b>	
<b>Cooperatives</b>	Jim Seidl from the Library Cooperative Directors Association distributed the Cooperatives' report at the meeting.
<b>MAME</b>	The MAME Report was distributed at the meeting.
<b>MCLS</b>	Randy Dykhuis spoke about the MCLS Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

**MLA**

Gretchen Couraud reported on the MLA Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

**State Librarian's  
Report**

The FY2012 budget is in place. The general fund for library operations has been held harmless. The FY12 budget also includes \$950,000 of general fund money for support of MeL. LM will begin preparing for the FY2013 budget process.

LM has not yet heard from IMLS regarding LSTA funding. Almost all of the LSTA funds are used to support MeL.

Nancy presented an update on Library of Michigan staff. Sue Adamczak and Kyle Ripley retired July 1. Terri Assaf took another position within MDE. Kathy Webb has accepted the state aid and penal fines coordinator position at LM. LM is in the process of posting the State Data Coordinator position.

Kathy Webb and Pat Conlen have processed the second batch of state aid payments.

The Library of Michigan is spending time focusing on their mission.

On October 1, the Library of Michigan will become a selective federal government document depository library. LM is still working on the arrangement to have the University of Minnesota Libraries serve as the regional for the Michigan federal government document depository libraries.

The Court of Appeals found against LM and MDE in the Herrick case. LM is currently assessing the ramifications of the ruling.

The State Librarian's Excellence Awards will be presented at the MLA Annual Conference in Kalamazoo on Thursday, October 27. Sponsors of the main award are Roger and June Mendel; Elaine Logan sponsored one of the Citations of Excellence Awards; the other was sponsored by Martin L. Gibbs and Carole Sorenson. Nancy received a very nice thank you package from Swan Valley High School Library which received a 2010 State Librarian Citation of Excellence Award. Their winning funds were used for a Master the Art of Reading program, and they sent Nancy some materials that were created as part of that program. Nominations for this year's SLEA's are due by September 26.

Don Todaro reported on the new LM brochure, deaccessioning and auctioning of the Dewey Collection, and outreach to state government agencies.

Sheryl Mase spoke about this year's Michigan Reads! program, the Workforce Development Summit that took place in May, Plinkit, and various workshops such as the New Directors and Advanced Directors workshops and E-rate workshops. The Rural Libraries Conference will be May 2-4, 2012. The Beginning Workshop is scheduled for May 14-16, 2012.

**LM Foundation  
Report**

Foundation Director Carolyn Sparks presented the Foundation update. Carolyn spoke about the Night for Notables event. The Foundation hopes to add additional signature events. The Foundation is working in partnership with the Michigan Humanities Council for the Great Michigan Read. One of the Michigan Notable Books would be chosen for the Great Michigan Read.

The Michigan Reads! program launched September 8 with the *Memoirs of a Goldfish* book. Author and illustrator tours will take place in September and October.

The Foundation will work on fundraising for the Michigan eLibrary ([www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org)).

One priority for the Foundation Board will be to build the Board with people with various expertise, such as expertise with regard to legacy gifts.

The [www.libraryofmichiganfoundation.org](http://www.libraryofmichiganfoundation.org) website is under construction. Donations to the Library of Michigan Foundation will be able to be made through that website.

Carolyn will present a 2012 fund-raising plan to the Foundation Board.

**Board Discussion**

There were no Board items to discuss.

**Old Business**

Elaine Logan and Barb Bonge will meet to phrase language to add to the LM Board Bylaws regarding Library of Michigan Board members serving on the Library of Michigan Foundation Board. They will present the language at the next meeting.

**New Business**

The nomination committee will consist of Mike Smith (chair of the committee), Barb Bonge and Nancy. They will provide recommendations for the chair and vice-chair of the Board at the December 7 Board meeting

**2011 Meeting  
Dates**

The Library of Michigan Board will meet on Wednesday, December 7. The meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon and will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Board Room of the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

**Adjournment**

MIKE SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:32 A.M.

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Charles Myers, Chair

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Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian